

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN
FRANCISCO, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION
SERVICES, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 19-cv-04717-PJH

Case No. 19-cv-04975-PJH

Case No. 19-cv-04980-PJH

**ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS FOR
LEAVE TO FILE AMICI BRIEFS**

Before the court are nine motions for leave to file amici curiae briefs. See Case No. 19-cv-04717-PJH, Dkts. 56 & 61; Case No. 19-cv-04975-PJH, Dkts. 48, 57 & 58; Case No. 19-cv-04980-PJH, Dkts. 51, 56, 70 & 71. No party opposes any of the nine motions.

“The district court has broad discretion to appoint amici curiae.” Hoptowit v. Ray, 682 F.2d 1237, 1260 (9th Cir. 1982). “There are no strict prerequisites that must be established prior to qualifying for amicus status; an individual or entity seeking to appear as amicus must merely make a showing that his/its participation is useful to or otherwise desirable to the court.” In re Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM) Antitrust Litig., Case No. 02-md-01486-PJH, 2007 WL 2022026, at *1 (N.D. Cal. July 9, 2007). “District courts frequently welcome amicus briefs from non-parties concerning legal issues that have potential ramifications beyond the parties directly involved or if the amicus has ‘unique information or perspective that can help the court beyond the help that the lawyers for the parties are able to provide.’” NGV Gaming, Ltd. v. Upstream Point

1 Molate, LLC, 355 F. Supp. 2d 1061, 1067 (N.D. Cal. 2005) (quoting Cobell v. Norton, 246
2 F. Supp. 2d 59, 62 (D.D.C. 2003)).

3 Having reviewed the motions, and for good cause shown, the court hereby
4 GRANTS each of the above-identified motions for leave to file an amicus curiae brief.
5 The subject briefs are deemed filed as of the date of the filing of the request for
6 permission, and if opposed, no replies are permitted.

7 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

8 Dated: September 11, 2019



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10 PHYLLIS J. HAMILTON
11 United States District Judge
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